

# December Programs

McCormick's Creek State Park

Interpretive Center Winter Hours:

Thursday- Monday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

812-829-4344

Schedules on the web at [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs)

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

**1:00 p.m. Owls and Owl Pellets-** Nature Center auditorium.

What is an owl pellet? Learn about owl feeding habits and why they regurgitate pellets then **dissect one to find out what these owls have been eating!**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

**1:00 p.m. Backyard Birds-** Nature Center.

Visit with a naturalist in the Wildlife Observation Area and find out more about our common backyard visitors.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

**11:00 a.m. Where Do the Animals Go in Winter?-** Nature Center.

Join us for a short hike on our Habitat Trail to explore potential winter homes for animals. Then, warm up with some discussion and hot chocolate in our Wildlife Observation Area.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

**1:00 p.m. Resident Reptiles-** Nature Center.

See a turtle and a snake up-close. With these education ambassadors, we will take a closer look at the lives of reptiles in the winter.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

**1:00 p.m. HP/HP- Winter Tree I.D. Walk-** Meets at the Nature Center.

Some tips and tricks to identifying deciduous trees without their leaves. Look at the bark, buds, and evidence on the ground.

**Park Closed - McCormick's Creek State Park Deer Reduction  
December 10-11**

The ENTIRE PARK (except for visitors staying at the Canyon Inn) will be CLOSED for the DNR controlled hunt to manage our deer population. Entry to the park will be restricted to registered hunters only.

Learn more about deer management in Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs by visiting [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/publications/deer2.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/publications/deer2.pdf) or talk to the Nature Center staff.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

**1:00 p.m. HP/HP- Winter Walkin' and Talkin'-** Meet at the Nature Center.  
Be prepared for the weather on this one hour walk to discover the wonders of winter. We'll take a closer look at winter weeds, trees, and animals in winter.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

**1:00 p.m. Winter Scavenger Hunt-** Nature Center.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

**1:00 p.m. Waterfalls or Icicles-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps.  
Hike with a naturalist to see the beauty of the McCormick's Falls in its winter glory.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

**1:00 p.m. Resident Reptiles-** Nature Center.  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

**HOLIDAY BIRD WATCH! ALL DAY AT THE NATURE CENTER!**

Drop by or stay the duration to help us count the birds at the feeders during the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Bird Count at McCormick's Creek State Park sponsored by the Sassafras Audubon Society.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

**1:00 p.m. Coffee and Songbirds-** Nature Center.  
Learn about the where your favorite birds are in the winter while sipping on a cup of shade-grown coffee.

## January – March

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## *2008 Special Events-Mark your calendar!*

### **April 19-20 Wildflower Weekend**

*Amazing display of nature's flowers—trails,  
programs, activities for all ages*



### **May 3-4 Welcome Back Weekend!**

*Camping season is here again-  
rediscover what McCormick's Creek State Park offers you!*



### **June 27-29 Arts in the Park (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual)**

*Sponsored by Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park  
Enjoy local musicians and artist vendors for  
a weekend of cultural entertainment*



**Planning the rest of your year? Complete listing available at Nature Center!**